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FOR STATE, OES, DONALD KING

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TAGS: PARM, CCD

SUBJ: CCD-ENMOD NEGOTIATIONS: RELATED ITEM IN WEATHER
MODIFICATION

1. THERE FOLLOWS, IN PARA TWO, EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT
MADE BY UNEP OFFICIAL PETER S. THACHER AT INFORMAL CCD
SESSION ON ENMOD, 5 APR 1976. DEL WOULD APPRECIATE
ANY BACKGROUND INFORMATION REGARDING:

(A) CURRENT STATUS OF GOVERNMENTAL EXPERT GROUP TO BE
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CONVENED TO CONSIDER SUBJECT REPORT;

(B) CURRENT USG POSITION REGARDING THAT PART OF STATEMENT DEALING WITH DEVELOPMENT OF WEATHER MODIFICATION TECHNIQUES.

2. BEGIN TEXT: MR. CHAIRMAN, I TURN NOW SOME OF UNEP'S CURRENT ACTIVITIES WHICH MAY BE RELEVANT.

FIRST, WITH REGARD TO WEATHER MODIFICATION, I HAVE GIVEN TO THE SECRETARIAT A COPY OF A REPORT OF THE JOINT UNEP/WMO MEETING OF SCIENTISTS AND LEGAL EXPERTS ON LEGAL ASPECTS OF WEATHER MODIFICATION WHICH MET AT GENEVA IN NOV 1975. PARTICIPANTS AT THAT MEETING CONCLUDED THAT PRESENT KNOWLEDGE OF WEATHER MODIFICATION ACTIVITIES IS INADEQUATE TO DETERMINE THE SCIENTIFIC VALUE OF SUCH ACTIVITIES AS A PREREQUISITE OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF LEGAL PROVISIONS. HOWEVER, THE MEETING AGREED ON CERTAIN GENERAL PRINCIPLES EITHER FOR IMMEDIATE ACCEPTANCE OF FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION. THE NEXT STEP IN THIS PROCESS WILL BE THE CONVENING OF A GROUP OF EXPERTS NOMINATED BY GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING BOTH LAWYERS AND SCIENTISTS, TO CONSIDER THIS REPORT AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON A DECLARATION OF GENERAL PRINCIPLES WHICH WOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF UNFP FOR CONSIDERATION, AND THEREAFTER TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS FOR ADOPTION. PRINCIPLES ON WHICH THERE IS GENERAL AGREEMENT INCLUDE THE STATEMENT THAT:

"THE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE IS PART OF THE COMMON HERITAGE OF MANKIND:"

"ANY TECHNIQUES DEVELOPED TO MODIFY WEATHER, SHALL BE DEDICATED EXCLUSIVELY TO PEACEFUL PURPOSES";

"FURTHER TO THE CONTINUED EXCHANGE OF METEOROLOGICAL AND RELATED INFORMATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WMO CONVENTION, STATES SHALL FACILITATE THE GATHERING AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON WEATHER MODIFICATION ACTIVITIES AND SHALL ENSURE THAT SUCH INFORMATION IS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE WMO AND TO INTERESTED STATES."

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ADDITIONAL PRINCIPLES CALL FOR ADEQUATE AND TIMELY NOTIFICATION OF PROSPECTIVE MAJOR WEATHER MODIFICATION ACTIVITIES, FOR THE MONITORING OF THESE ACTIVITIES, FOR TIMELY CONSULTATION BETWEEN INTERESTED PARTIES, AND FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL REGISTRY OF NATIONAL LAWS ON WEATHER MODIFICATION. END TEXT

3. COPY OF FULL TEXT AND OF SUBJECT REPORT BEING SENT VIA

AIRGRAM. CATTO UNQTE ROBINSON

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